

Proposed set of Aims & Principles for the Scottish Federation of Anarchists

"ANARCHY" ^{MEANS} comes from the Greek "~~an-archos~~" - no government. It means ^{PEOPLE} human beings getting along together without the state. Anarchists ~~are people who~~ think this would be a good thing and want to help to make it a reality.

Anarchy does not mean a condition of competing governments and would-be governments, such as we have seen in Beirut, Bosnia, and Belfast. The one thing those places have certainly never experienced is the absence of government!

CLASS

Present day society is based on the class system. So long as we have class divisions we will have government, and so long as we have government we will have class divisions.

Class rule inevitably leads to conflict. Sometimes the class war erupts in major battles, at other times it appears deceptively quiet. But it is always there.

For at least half a century now there have been people telling us the class struggle is old fashioned. We take the view that, on the contrary, it is such half-baked "ideas" which are regularly shown by history to be irrelevant.

The class war can only be ended by the victory of the working class. This does not mean a political party taking power "on behalf of the working class" - history has proved anarchist predictions of where that would lead to be correct.

STRUGGLE

We, the working class, must act for ourselves. We must smash the power of the state in order to end exploitation.

There are some people who share these ends, who for one reason or another choose not to call themselves "anarchist". We in the SFA welcome the closest co-operation with such people.

On the other hand there are ^(CONFUSED) people who, ~~confusedly~~, do call themselves anarchist but don't share these ends. Obviously any co-operation with them is likely to be more limited.

ORGANISATION

Anarchists reject bureaucracy, hierarchy, and centralisation; believing in organising ourselves in a way that is consistent with the kind of society we want to achieve.

We in the Scottish Federation of Anarchists find it useful to organise on a Scotland-wide basis because Scotland is recognisable as a fairly homogenous geographical unit.

However, we are internationalists. We believe in co-operating with our fellow anarchists in neighbouring countries and throughout the world. There can be no such thing as anarchy in one country. World revolution is necessary.

That's what the SFA is about. If our ideas interest you - we'd like to hear from you!

Dundee CLASS WAR

**WORKING CLASS AND PROUD
WITH NO ILLUSIONS**

We're not dreamers like the political groups you hear about - Militant, SWP, Labour Party or the SNP. Unless you go to the High School, are the top of the Class at University or have a Mum and Dad with lots of money or inherit a fortune you will be shat on for the rest of your life, this is NO joke. This is the society we live in, what chance do you have of getting the job you really want? Never mind a job at all, the slave labour schemes of YTS and workfare are waiting for you and your mates. Class War says fuck them, ask your teachers what class they think you are, then ask them what class they think they are. They'll give you a lot of shit, telling you you've all got opportunities in this society. They're probably the biggest bunch of lying bastards you've ever met apart from the Police. Class War is a working class organisation. We have no bullshitters and no leaders. We decide what we're going to do about things together and we go out and do it. If you want to know more contact your local Dundee Class War group.

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THIS IS CLASS WAR!

Class War is a working class organisation of groups and individuals who have come together to do something about the society we live in. We see our society as being divided up into three classes:

- 1 - The Ruling Class - the main parasites
- 2 - The Middle Class - who support the ruling class
- 3 - The Working Class - us

This system is the cause of most of the problems experienced by working class people today. Anyone who tells you that you're "living in a classless society" is seriously out of touch with reality.

The ruling class live off our labour when we've got a job, paying us crap wages and making us work under poor conditions. When they chuck us on the dole we're stripped of any dignity we had and treated with contempt. Politicians may use us for their own ends but generally we're ignored and thrown on the scrap heap. YTS, Employment Training and Workfare are all excuses to get us to work for nothing.

We're not asking you to vote for us - we're not a political party. We're not telling you what to do - we have no leaders. We're just asking you to look at your situation. If you're signing on the dole you're at the bottom of the pile, and one of the victims of this capitalist system. You can either have a "why bother" attitude and believe this is always the way it will be OR believe as we do that this society must change and we must ORGANISE AND FIGHT BACK to do so.